

Meeting Date: January 17, 2008

Agenda Item No. 18

Agenda Item: Update on Chinook Salmon

Bureau Chief Approval: _____

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Background:

This is an explanation, to inform the Commission, of the forecasts for spring and summer Chinook salmon returning to the Snake River this spring. These salmon will begin leaving the ocean and entering the Columbia River in late February and early March. Fisheries staff will be retuning to the Commission in March with recommendations for 2008 Chinook salmon sport fisheries to be conducted in the Clearwater River, Salmon River and Snake River drainages.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

None

Public Involvement Process:

None

Staff Recommendation:

None

Justification:

Keeps Commission informed prior to setting Chinook salmon fishing seasons in March.